AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A hair coloring system comprising:

i) at least one container holding a coloring composition for forming a hair coloring product, said composition comprising at least one hair colorant; and

ii) at least one test device designed to perform a test and comprising a tube having an internal space containing at least one hair colorant of the coloring composition, wherein the tube incorporates an outlet aperture, and wherein the test device is arranged such that the contents of the tube are expelled from the outlet aperture by the excess pressure within the internal space of the tube or when the tube is vented via at least one passage separate from the outlet aperture;

wherein a liquid or solid plug is arranged inside the tube to isolate the outlet aperture from the internal space of the tube, and wherein the plug is arranged such that it is discharged together with the contents of the tube via the outlet aperture when the internal space of the tube is vented or in response to excess pressure inside the tube.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 17, wherein the volume of hair colorant contained in the tube ranges from 0.01 ml to 5 ml.

20. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 19, wherein the volume of hair colorant contained in the tube ranges from 0.05 ml to 1 ml.

21. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 17, wherein said venting of the internal space of the tube is effected by a breakable element that can be severed, detached, perforated, or deformed, and which is located opposite the outlet aperture.

22. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 21, wherein the test device further comprises a component to support the breakable element on the tube after it has been severed.

23. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 22, wherein said component is in the form of a tab of residual material or a piece of cotton.

24. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim [[18]] 17, wherein the tube is fitted with an applicator element wherein an applicator element is separated from the contents of tube prior to use by the liquid or solid plug.

25. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 24, wherein the applicator element is chosen from a cotton tip, a brush, a foam tip, a felt pad, a flock tip, and an end-piece made of ceramic or sintered material.

26. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim [[18]] 17, wherein the plug comprises a liquid chosen from mineral oils, fluorinated products, and silicones.

27. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim [[18]] 17, wherein the plug is a solid.

28. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 27, wherein the solid plug is a powder chosen from microsphere powders of copolymers, Nylon®, waxes, silicas, and silicones.

29. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 17, wherein the coloring composition is an oxidation coloring composition comprising at least one oxidation colorant.

30. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 17, further comprising an additional container holding an oxidizing composition to be mixed with the coloring composition in order to obtain the hair coloring product.

31. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 17, wherein the coloring composition is a direct coloring composition comprising at least one direct colorant.

32. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 29, wherein the coloring composition comprises at least one hair colorant and at least one compound chosen from surfactants and solvents other than water.

33. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 31, wherein the coloring composition comprises at least one hair colorant and at least one compound chosen from surfactants and solvents other than water.

34. (Currently Amended) A test device for use in a hair coloring system, said system comprising said test device and at least one container holding a coloring composition for forming a hair coloring product, said composition comprising at least one hair colorant,

wherein said test device comprises a tube having an internal space containing

i) at least one hair colorant of said composition, chosen from direct colorants;

ii) at least one hair colorant of said composition and at least one compound chosen from solvents and surfactants; or

iii) at least one hair colorant of said composition chosen from oxidation bases and coupling agents, ~~and~~

~~further~~ wherein said tube incorporates an outlet aperture, said test device being arranged such that the contents of the tube are expelled from the outlet aperture when the tube is vented via at least one passage separate from the outlet aperture, and

wherein a liquid or solid plug is arranged inside the tube to isolate the outlet aperture from the internal space of the tube, and wherein the plug is arranged such that it is discharged together with the contents of the tube via the outlet aperture when the internal space of the tube is vented via the at least one passage separate from the outlet aperture.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) A method for testing the sensitivity of a subject to a hair coloring product before treatment with said hair coloring product, said method comprising applying said hair coloring product in a test location on said subject with a test device comprising a tube having an internal space containing

i) at least one hair colorant chosen from direct colorants;

ii) at least one hair colorant and at least one compound chosen from solvents and surfactants; or

iii) at least one hair colorant chosen from oxidation bases and coupling agents,

wherein said tube incorporates an outlet aperture, said test device being arranged such that the contents of the tube are expelled from the outlet aperture ~~when the tube is vented~~ in response to excess pressure in the internal space of the tube or when the tube is vented via at least one passage separate from the outlet aperture, and

wherein a liquid or solid plug is arranged inside the tube to isolate the outlet aperture from the internal space of the tube, and wherein the plug is arranged such that it is discharged together with the contents of the tube via the outlet aperture when the internal space of the tube is vented via the at least one passage separate from the outlet aperture or in response to excess pressure inside the tube.